Departmental execution of Public Works.

233. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the names of the Public Works executed departmentally subsequent to the period covered by the list given in answer to question No. 18 of the Budget Session of 1102;

(2) the amount of estimate for each of such works and the actual cost of the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Dredging a channel through the shallow portions of the backwater for the water barge.

(2) Reconstructing Balikkapura of Trippunittura Temple.

(3) Constructing sluices for the branch channels of the Chittur Irrigation system.

	Estimate amount.	*Expenditure till the end of 1103.*	
(1)	Rs. 2,500	Rs. 2,155-15-5	Work in progress.
(2)	Rs. 18,350	Rs. 6,910-15-9	do
(3)	Rs. 500.	Rs. 113- 6-4	do

Water supply to Trichur.

234. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Is the Government aware of the extreme water scarcity in Trichur Town for the last four or five years; has the Government considered any scheme to remedy this evil?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know what is the scheme under the consideration of the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We are now trying to supply water to Trichur by means of wells.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—By means of sinking wells in the various parts of the Town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Either in the Town or just outside it.

President.—Certain sources have been discovered at Peringavu near Trichur and there it is expected that a large quantity of water will be available which would be sufficient to supply the needs of the Town. Experiments are being made as to the exact quantity of water which will be available there. May I know whether the deepening of the well has begun and whether you find that water is rushing from all sides of the well?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes; the deepening of the well has been begun and we find that we can get 5,000 gallons of water per hour now. We cannot say definitely at

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